HERMES top-tronic 42

Electronic typewriter with memories and display

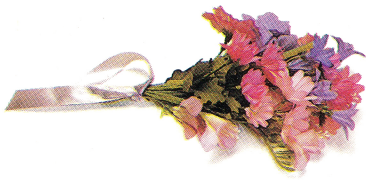
Typing made easy

The HERMES top-tronic 42 electronic typewriter has been designed and created to bring higher efficiency and more comfort to all typing work.

Efficiency: Thanks to electronics, many operations become automatic, and certain tasks which in the past were considered complicated or even impossible, can now be carried out quickly and easily.

Comfort: An international representation of secretaries collaborated in the development of this typewriter, and their suggestions led to remarkable innovations in simplicity and ease of operation.

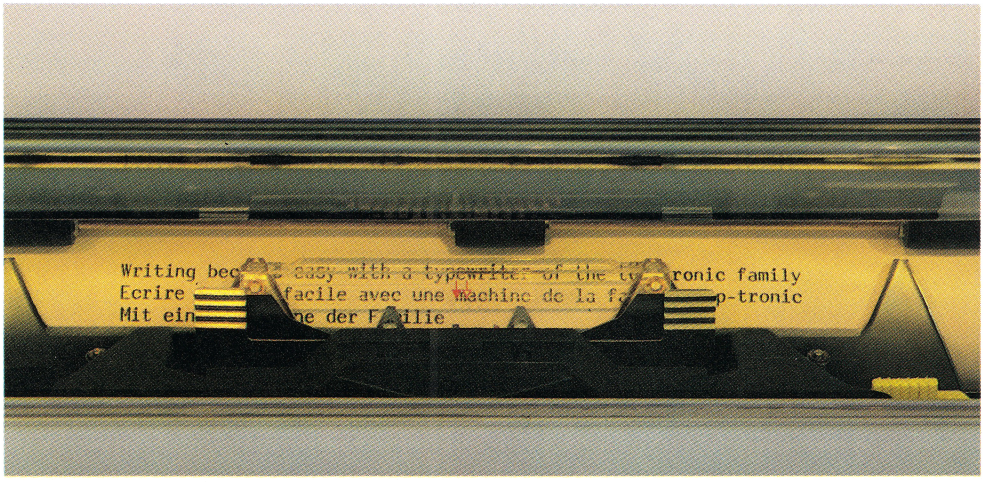
The display can show up to 19 upper and lower case characters. A cursor indicates the working position. The secretary can now make corrections before printing and obtain a perfect text and error-free copies the first time.



The simplicity of the top-tronic 42 keyboard is an immediate indication of its possibilities and ease of use.

All of the function keys are clearly marked in English on the top-tronic 42.

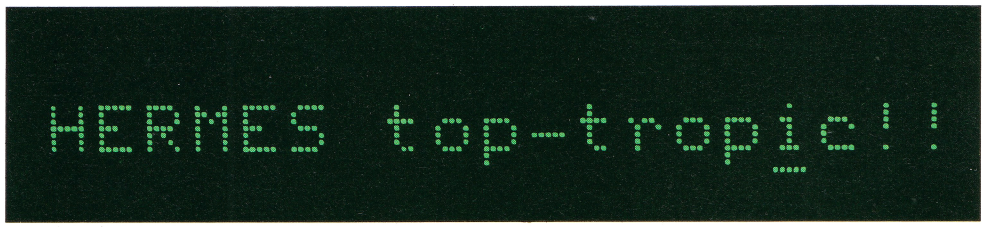
Lights indicate that the shift lock, automatic underscore, bold type and variable margin are being used. The shape of the keytops is the result of detailed ergonometric studies.



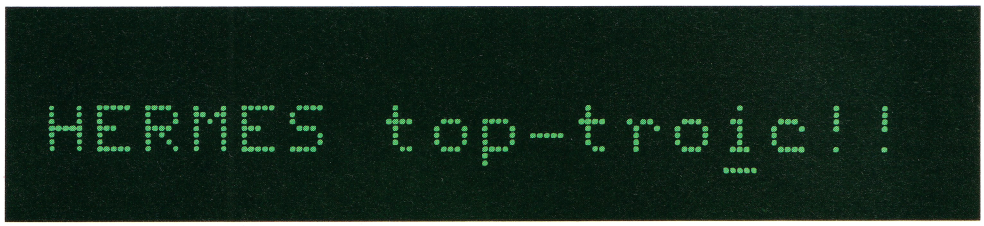
Lights concealed under the cover to illuminate the typing zone is just one significant example of the consideration given to the user.

Three types of correction assure perfect correspondence:

- Correction on the display is child's play. Everything is possible: removal of an entire word, suppression of a superfluous letter (the word is correctly formed again automatically), addition of a character or replacement by another, as shown in the example. In this way, the secretary types error-free and turns out perfect copies.



The p in «tropic» is wrong: return to the i.

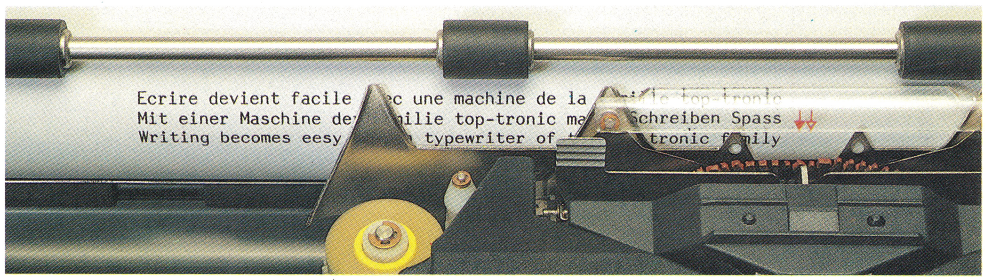


Press on the correction key: the p typed by mistake disappears.

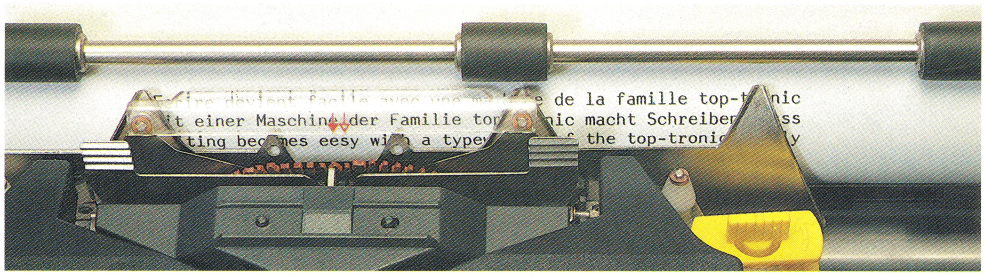
Type the letter n: the amended word is visible on the display.

If by any chance an error has not been corrected on the display, there are two ways it can be corrected on the paper:

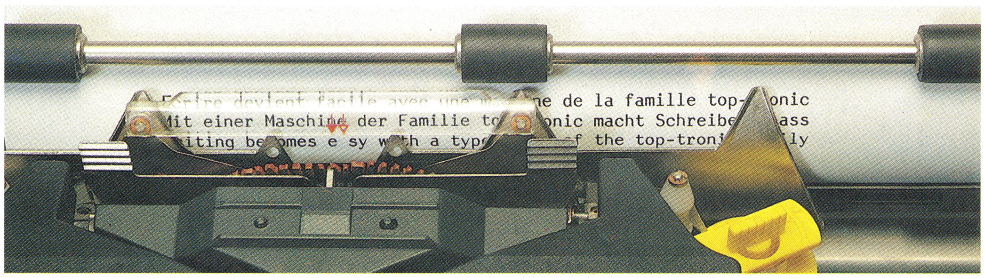
- Automatically, if it is one of the last 222 characters and spaces typed and memorized.
- All other characters can be corrected in the same manner as on a single element typewriter.



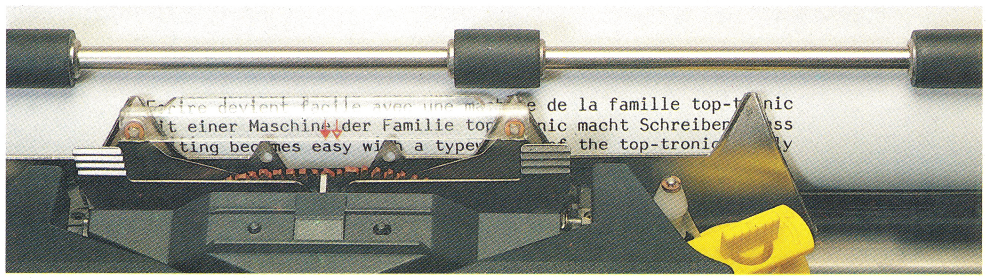
On the last line, the word "eesy" is wrong.



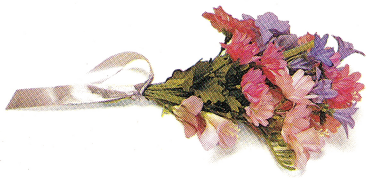
Return to the mistake.



Press on the correction key: the wrong character is automatically removed.



Type the correct character: the error is corrected.



The top-tronic 42 can memorize text equivalent to 4-6 commercial pages. A programmable stop allows reprinting of the memorized text on two separate sheets of paper.

Many other page layout functions assure neat and original presentation of all correspondence. The simultaneous underlining frees the secretary from repetitive operations, and the automatic centering eliminates tedious calculations. It is now possible for the secretary to produce imaginative correspondence thanks to other advantages such as the ability to place one or more paragraphs on a second left margin, the ability to align the end of each line on the right-hand margin (block layout), or to emphasize a word or an entire line by the use of the bold face function.

Mrs and Mr P. Davis
50 Main Street
Utica, New York

February 28, 1981

Dear Mr and Mrs Davis,

Further to our offer of February 24 last, please find enclosed a copy of the rules and regulations concerning your trip. Please read them carefully.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Reservation

To avoid unpleasant surprises, we strongly advise you to register well in advance. Late inscription (three weeks before the date of departure) will lead to payment of a surtax to cover supplementary expenses.
A first instalment of $ 100.-- per passenger is requested for each firm reservation.
The remainder should be paid at the latest before departure.

2. Cancellation

If a firm reservation is cancelled, administrative expenses will amount to $ 20.-- per passenger and will not succeed $ 40.-- per order.
Other additional expenses will be invoiced according to the cost of the trip :

21 to 15 days before departure	10%
14 to 8 days before departure	30%
7 to 0 days before departure	75%

In case of serious illness or accident, only the administrative expenses will be invoiced to the participant.

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3. Supplement for individual rooms

We would like to remind you that a supplement may be requested for single rooms.

4. Luggage

The airline companies authorize a baggage allowance of 20 kg per person, including hand luggage. On some special flights, the same weight is permitted but excess baggages will be invoiced.

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may require, and remain,

Yours faithfully,

WORLD TRAVEL LTD

Example of a memorized text automatically reprinted on two pages by using a programmable stop.

It is possible for the secretary to store words, sentences or standard paragraphs on the 10 memory registers of the top-tronic 42. She may reprint them as she wishes.

The user can thus avoid typing the same date or greeting 36 times in the same day. This is yet another example of the rapid, efficient and easy performance given by the top-tronic 42.

A short letter being sent to several different addresses is typed better and faster if it is memorized. To do this, the secretary has only to use the page-setting functions: the top-tronic 42 will reproduce the centering, bold type or underscore that has been set. The secretary is free to modify the margins, the pitch and the typestyle.

Mrs and Mr P. Davis
50 Main Street
Utica, New York

11th December, 1980.

Dear Sir and Madam,

Following your visit to our agency, we take pleasure in sending you details concerning

2 weeks' holiday in the West Indies

Taking into consideration your requirements as well as the dates you indicated, we have selected three of the best hotels in Guadeloupe. We particularly recommend our proposal No. 1. Several of our clients have recently told us how pleased they were with the facilities offered by this establishment as well as the quality of its cuisine and service.

With regard to the excursions you wish to make, we would recommend :

- a flight over Guadeloupe and its neighbouring islands, in particular, "La Désirade" and "Marie Galante"

- a cruise to the "Iles Saintes" accompanied by our local courier. Accommodation on the boat and typical local meals on shore

- a visit to the British island of "Antigoa", famous for its lovely sandy beaches.

Enclosed you will find all details concerning your stay and prices, which we hope will encourage you to discover this magnificent region of the West Indies.

We are at your entire disposal for any further information you may require, and remain,

Yours faithfully

WORLD TRAVEL LTD

Encl. : ment.

The parts that have been memorized and typed automatically are indicated in green.

To the Manager,

Dear Sir,

We take pleasure in announcing our next meeting which will be held at :

8 a.m. on Monday, 27th April

at our association's premises, 118 Broadway, Philadelphia, Pa.

After the usual agenda, a lecture will be given by Mr. John Smith, Head of Research at the Social Studies Centre on the subject :

"The elderly's need to escape".

We look forward to seeing you and remain,

Yours truly

Invitation addressed to 8 people. Memorization: 3-4 minutes. Automatic typing: 54 seconds per copy.

The memorization of formats is invaluable to a typist who has to fill in forms. By automatically stopping at the beginning of the spaces to be filled in, the top-tronic 42 saves time, eliminates complicated operations, and enables the typist to better concentrate on her work.

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Reservation order

Clarence Hotel
High Street 7
Saint-John / ANTIGUA

From our agency in: Orléans

Please find our complete address on the back and return the enclosed copy to us, duly filled in with your rates and remarks.

Our reference: PLC/ef Date: 29th August 1980

Please reserve as follows:

Name of client: Mrs. & Mr. Bertrand (2 pers.)

Arrival: 5th October 1980 Departure: 8th October 1980 (3 nights)

Accommodation: double bed with bath

Meals: ☐ room only
☐ continental breakfast
☒ halfboard
☐ fullboard

Rate requested: medium

Transfer requested by: ☐ hotelbus ☐ private car ☒ taxi

This space to be filled in by hotel
Rates for this accommodation and meals will be as follows (service and taxes):

Our commission?

Will you please confirm this reservation by return of mail? Thank you!

Very truly yours,
WORLD TRAVEL LTD.

The top-tronic 42 is automatically set to the next typing position.

Numerical tables of figures–a nightmare to most secretaries–are easily typed with the automatic decimal tabulator. Their presentation is further improved by the direct typing of vertical lines.

NUMBER OF BOOKS PER FAMILY

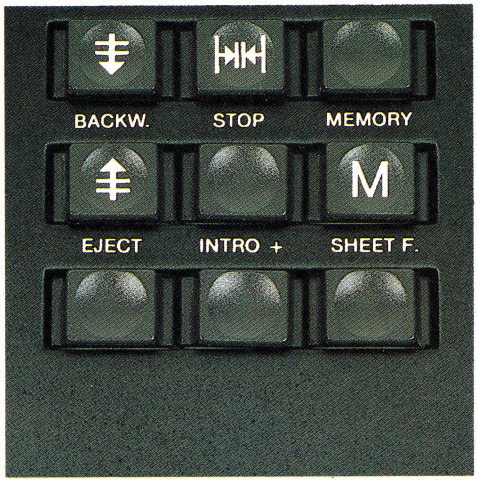
How many books have been bought by your family during the past year ?

Number of books bought :

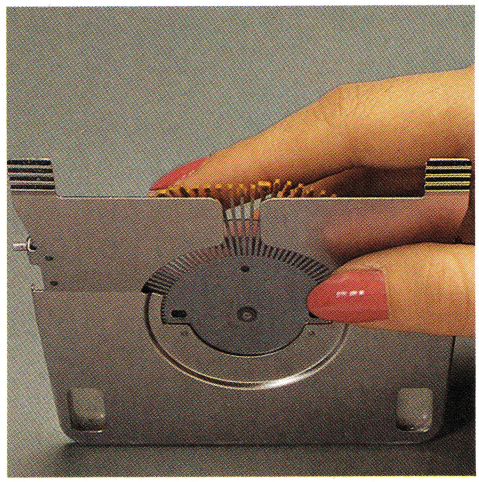
	1 to 3	4 to 9	10 to 19	over 20
NOVELS Classical	5,1 %	1,4 %	1,2 %	0,1 %
Detective	8,5 %	6,3 %	2,5 %	2,2 %
Adventure	5,9 %	3,5 %	1,8 %	1,5 %
POLITICS	8,5 %	6,5 %	5,2 %	3,2 %
ECONOMICS	6,2 %	5,5 %	4,1 %	2,1 %
OTHERS	8,8 %	6,8 %	2,2 %	0,9 %

Once the width of the columns and the position of the decimal point have been decided on, all the secretary has to do is type the numbers: the typewriter does the rest.

The key marked "ADD. FUNCT." (Additional Functions) makes it possible to type the following characters: § ¶ ~ ~ ⅜ ⅝ ¥ £



By using the "INTRO. +" key, the automatic paper insertion can be programmed so that a sheet will stop wherever required.



The steel printing disk with its 100 characters is permanently housed in a protective metal case. It is extremely easy to insert.

Main characteristics

Operations involving paper

- Folding paper support with graduations for standard formats and scales for 10 and 12 characters per inch.
- Side paper guide, sliding over a distance of 18 cm.
- Electric insertion of the paper.
- Memorization of the paper stopping position.
- 5 platen settings.
- Paper width of up to 17″.
- Movement of platen up or down a line at a time or continuously, and half-spacing using "ADD. FUNCT." key.
- End-of-page indication.
- Rapid electric ejection of the paper.
- Typing zone lighting.

Keyboard and typing functions

- Keyboard with 46 keys, ISO/DIN standards.
- 5 letter spacings (6, 10 and 12 characters per inch, mini-proportional and proportional).
- 5 linespacings.
- 3 methods of operation:
  - ● Normal: introduction of the text by (a) direct typing or (b) on the display, typing line by line; operator return of the printing unit.
  - ● Automatic return: same possibilities as above, but with automatic return of the printing unit.
  - ● Justification: introduction of the text onto the display, justified right-hand margin, with automatic return of the printing unit.
- Nineteen character display with flickering mobile cursor and automatic start for methods of operation requiring viewing.
- Scanning display for memorized text.
- Rapid return of the cursor.
- Rapid return (RELOCation) to the last character entered in the display, after checking the beginning of a memorized text.
- Half and mini-spacing for proportional typing.
- Return with or without linespacing.
- Bold type.
- Automatic underscore.

Corrections

- Correction on the display, before typing.
- Automatic lift-off correction of the last 222 characters or spaces typed and memorized.
- Conventional lift-off correction of the other characters typed.

Page-setting functions

- Automatic centering.
- Left and right-hand margin stops.
- Variable margin (2nd left-hand margin).
- Simple and column skip tabulation.
- Reverse tabulation.
- Decimal tabulation.
- Vertical line.
- Recording of formats.

Memorizing function

- Memory capacity of 8K.
- Dynamic distribution on 10 memories of variable capacity.
- Display of the positions available and the "function" symbols.
- Recording and reproduction of texts and formats.

Printing

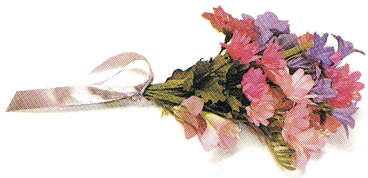
- Steel disk with 100 characters and signs.
- Large choice of typestyles.
- Setting of the striking power.
- Ribbon Cartridges.
- Printing speed of 16 characters per second.
- 1 original + 8 copies.
- Typing line: 13¼″.

Option

- V.24 interface.

General specifications

- Dimensions: 25½″ wide × 21¼″ deep × 8½″ high.
- Weight: 41 lbs.
- Power: 110 V/60 cycles.



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